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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Werner et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/035,836
Filed	:	December 21, 2001
For	:	SURFACE ASSEMBLY FOR IMMOBILIZING DNA CAPTURE PROBES AND BEAD-BASED ASSAY INCLUDING OPTICAL BIO-DISCS AND METHODS RELATING THERETO
Examiner	:	B.J. Forman
Group Art Unit	:	1634

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This response to the final Office Action mailed on April 13, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed October 17, 2005 serves as a submission filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application. On October 13, Applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal thereby preserving the pendency of the instant application. Upon this RCE being deemed proper, Applicants withdraw the instant Notice of Appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.